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TO: ALL WIC VENDORS
SUBJECT: EGG CHANGES UNDER PROPOSITION 2

Purpose

The California Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is clarifying requirements regarding eggs sold to California WIC participants, effective January 1, 2015.

Background

Proposition 2, the Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act, was approved by California voters in 2008. The Act prohibits the confinement of farm animals in a way that prevents them from turning, lying down, standing, and fully extending their limbs freely.

In 2010, Assembly Bill 1437 was signed by the Governor, requiring all shelled eggs sold in the state to comply with the animal confinement restrictions described in the Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act. These requirements will become effective on January 1, 2015.

More information about these laws can be found at these links:

Health & Safety Code §§ 25990-25994: Farm Animal Cruelty:

http://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=HSC&division=20.&title=&part=&chapter=13.8.&article=

Health & Safety Code §§ 25995-25997.1: Shelled Eggs:

http://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=HSC&division=20.&title=&part=&chapter=14.&article=

What has Changed

Large, white WIC-authorized eggs that comply with the new law are not considered specialty eggs. WIC shoppers can still use their WIC food instrument vouchers to buy a dozen large white chicken eggs of any brand.

Action for Vendors

Continue to only sell eggs to WIC shoppers as described in the WIC Authorized Food List and Shopping Guide. You can find the Shopping Guide at this link:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/wicworks/WIC%20Foods/WICAuthorizedFoodListShoppingGuide-7-5-2011.pdf.pdf>.

Questions

If you have additional questions regarding the WIC Program, contact your WIC Vendor Consultant or call toll-free (855) WIC-STOR or (855) 942-7867. You may also contact the WIC Vendor Management Branch by email at WICVENDORINFO@cdph.ca.gov.

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